

Heartbeat News



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,

The saying goes that a journey is begun by taking the first step, changing the world happens in much the same way. Through our support of mission and ministry we have the power to change the world. By the grace of God, all of us have to power to give, and the gifts we give transform the world into the way God intended it to be—a place where everyone has what they need. Together, we can achieve a fair balance in our world by giving back to God what God has so richly bestowed upon us.

When the Apostle Paul visited the early churches in Macedonia, they became incredibly excited about the ministry opportunities he laid before them. Namely, to be a part of an offering that would be received for the poor and the suffering in Jerusalem, due to a devastating famine. These early followers of Jesus couldn't help but get caught up in Paul's excitement for the ways in which God was working in their midst. In fact, they even pleaded to be a part of the "service to the saints" that Paul spoke of to them—even though they, themselves, were living in poverty. This "ministry to the saints" referred to in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is another name for the offering that Paul and the early churches were organizing for this in Jerusalem. The text referred to it not as an offering, however, but as a "ministry" or "service". The offering was considered a ministry, a living out of one's faith.

Paul facilitated this offering in response to the immense needs of the people in Jerusalem who were hungry and in poverty. This ministry was a way for Paul to model the unity of all believers and to provide a practical means of demonstrating care and concern for one another---even when they did not personally know those whom they were helping.

This is still the ministry of the church today. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering (an envelope for which is included in this newsletter) is a ministry that reaches those near and far by offering compassion and generosity to those in distress and need. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering has been a means by which the church has been able to glorify God by making a difference in the world for nearly 70 years. The money given is used to fund relief and development efforts all over the

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEB.

At its monthly meeting held on February 12th, the St. John Church Council:

- Appointed church officers for 2015. They are:

President Eric Hillstrom

Vice-President Mary Johnson

Treasurer Marilyn Boettcher

Financial Secretary Cherie Bersch

Recording Secretary Sharon Reeder

Corresponding Secretary Donna Tess

Elder Andy Boneski

Trustee Judy Luckow

Deacon Jim Koedinger

- Approved recommendation from the Maintenance Committee for installation of new flooring in the foyer, narthex, coatroom and landing.
- Confirmed that Sunday services will be held at St. John year-round at 10:30 a.m. There will be no joint Sunday services with Our Saviour's UCC during the summer months.
- Reviewed Council issues for 2015.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Andy Boneski, Mary Johnson, Cherie Bersch, Judy Luckow, Marilyn Boettcher, Jim Koedinger, Donna Tess, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Sharon Reeder

Next Council meeting:
March 12, 2015

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United States and world. Together, we can achieve a fair balance, bringing about a world the way God intended it to be.

I invite you to give generously on March 15th using the enclosed envelope (additional envelopes available at church). Together, through our giving, we can change the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tara

Southeast Association Meeting

This year's meeting will be held on Saturday, **April 25th** at New Horizon UCC in Kewaskum. Registration starts at 8am, meeting is from 9-3pm (includes lunch). We need two delegates to represent St. John (only qualification is to be a member of the church). Church pays all expenses and carpooling with Pastor Tara and/or delegates from Our Saviour's is an option. If interested, please let Pastor Tara know by April 15th.

Visitation Volunteers Needed

Task:

- ♦ Visit homebound members and distribute Communion
- ♦ Visits will be done by teams of two or more
- ♦ Visits will preferably be on the first Sunday of the month
- ♦ Three or four teams would be needed per month
- ♦ When available, Pastor will go with one team
- ♦ Each team would visit 1 – 3 homebound members who live in closest proximity

Logistics:

- ♦ Compile list of volunteers; not limited to Elders as volunteers are working under the auspices of Spiritual Life Committee
- ♦ Volunteers will attend training (fifteen minutes after church)
- ♦ Coordinator will develop schedule for team visits
- ♦ Volunteers will receive a packet to take to homebound members. Packets will contain copies of recent bulletins/sermons, and any church communications such as newsletter, etc.
- ♦ A follow-up form will be used to communicate completion of visit and concerns/observations/requests. Contents are confidential and will be e-mailed to pastor or left in church office.
- ♦ Elements will be in sealed packet and consecrated by Pastor.

Please contact **Jeannie Lehmann (262-251-1756)** to help in this important ministry.

EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a weekly Bible Study as we explore the Psalms using the Immersion Bible Study by Pastor Tara's former professor, J. Clinton McCann Jr., using the Interpretation Bible Studies program. Meets at Our Saviour's UCC on Monday mornings, from 11am-Noon. Topics to include Happiness, Suffering, Complaint, Gratitude, Praise, Trust and Justice. Cost of book is \$8 and will run through March 16th.

Starbucks Book Club

Due to illness, the Love Wins book discussion has been pushed back to **March 9th (note that this is a Mon. night)**. The April selection is The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Cost is \$7 and a limited number of copies are available in the lobby. Contact the office to reserve your copy. April discussion will be on Wed., **April 15th**, at 6pm at Starbucks.

Fresh Looks at Old Stories

More of a traditional Bible study...will focus on passages that are often misunderstood, or that likely are read much differently as adults than how we read them as children. Our next meeting will take place on Monday, **March 30th** at 6pm. Previous sessions have covered Jonah and Ruth.

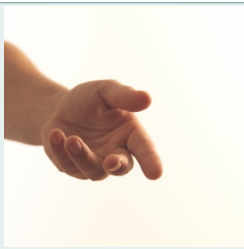
Crafters Club:

Whether you scrapbook, paint, draw, knit, etc you are welcome to bring whatever you are working on and join with other "crafters" for a day of fun. Drop in for an hour or stay for the day. Light lunch provided. Participants are asked to bring their own beverages and a snack to share. Meets one Saturday a month 10am-3pm, location rotates between St. John UCC and Our Saviour's UCC. Upcoming Date: **March 21st at St. John.**

Save the Date

The theme for 2015 Vacation Bible School is "Make a Joyful Noise" and will focus on praising God through music and dance. VBS will be held **Mon.-Thurs July 13-16th from 9am-3pm** (early and/or late childcare may be available). Cost is \$10 per child and will include a t-shirt, meals, and all activities. Open to ages 2-1/2 to 12 (teens are welcome to sign up as junior leaders). More information will be available in the coming months.





Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall (a clip board with the sign - up sheet is located near the kitchen). Join us after church. All member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946.

Dates Committees are serving Fellowship:

March 1st, 2015 – Women's Sunday – Women's Guild

April 5th, 2015 – Easter Breakfast - Confirmants / Women's Guild

Dates available for members to sign – up for Fellowship :
May 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers will be needed to provide rides to church members who do not have transportation to - from church. Please contact the church office or Pastor Tara Tetzlaff if interested in volunteering at 262-251-0640.

Outreach Meetings: Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting is **March 8th** at 9am. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mark your calendars - *Up Coming Events:*

March 2015

March 15, 2015 - “ One Great Hour of Sharing” – Pot Luck Dinner
On Sunday March 15th, 2015 we will be having a Pot Luck Dinner following church service to celebrate “ One Great Hour of Sharing”. A sign - up sheet will be located on the bulletin board on the stairway landing to the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a dish, salad or dessert to share. **We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, and families to the Pot Luck Dinner.**

April 2015

Roberts Frozen Custard Fundraiser

Monday April 20th, 2015 3:00pm – 10:00pm
Join St. John U.C.C.
at Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant
N.112 W.16040 Mequon Rd. Germantown

We will be having a Fundraiser from 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Invite members , friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives to join you at Robert's Frozen Custard. **St. John U.C.C. will receive 10% of all sales** , dining in or at the drive up window. **No coupon is necessary.** More information at www.stjohnuccgermantown.org . All proceeds from this sale will benefit future Outreach events at St. John U.C.C. See Caroline Romaine for more information on the Robert's Fundraiser.

May 2015

Adult Fellowship is planning an outing to the Menomonee Falls Patio Players production of the Musical “**Hair Spray**” **Sunday May 3rd, 2015 at 2:00pm.** Following the play we will meet back at St. John U.C.C. for a meal.

Ticket prices: TBA. See Jeannie Lehmann for more information.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

March

1	Bob & Jeanne Lehmann
8	Cherie & Rich Bersch
15	Confirmands
22	Eric & Sue Hillstrom

Recipe Corner



St. John U.C.C. has some wonderful cooks and bakers and during Fellowship, Potluck Dinners or Vacation Bible School we have had requests for some of the recipes. Each month in the Heart Beat Newsletter the Outreach Committee will enter a new recipe. If you have one you would like to submit, please drop it off in the church office, clearly labeled and we will put it in the Recipe Corner.

Easy Breakfast Casserole

Recipe donated by: Ashley Skrober

24 oz frozen hash browns (8cups)
16 oz ham (I use any ham on sale and just chop it up)
8 oz shredded sharp cheddar cheese
12 large eggs
1 cup milk
1 teas. Salt
1/2 teas ground black pepper
Cooking spray

- 1.preheat oven to 350 degrees
2. Add frozen potatoes, ham and cheese to a large bowl. Toss to combine. Pour the mixture into a 9x13 baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray
3. In a large bowl whisk eggs, milk, salt, pepper(I used the same bowl as in step 2)
4. Pour the egg mixture over hash brown mixture. Pat everything down with the back of a spoon.
5. Bake 1hr. The center should be set and the edges should be golden brown.

CALL YOUR PASTOR!!!



Just a reminder that to protect your privacy federal HIPAA laws prevent doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes from contacting or sharing information with anyone (including your church or pastor!) when you are a patient. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or needs pastoral care PLEASE call the church office or Pastor Tara directly (or request the hospital to do so). If you don't call, we have no way of knowing of your situation. By informing us of these events, you are helping us to provide you with the spiritual care needed in these often difficult times. Business cards with Pastor Tara's contact information are available in the church lobby or can be obtained from the church office, a handy way for you to have the numbers you need in an emergency.

WOMEN'S GUILD



We were served Valentine Carrot Cake at the February Women's Guild Meeting.

We set dates during our business meeting for the All Church Planning Meeting. Watch the month of March for a Cleaning Day for the church to be scheduled. We planned who was bringing communion bread and when. The Women's Sunday Worship and Lunch was scheduled for **March 1st**. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 3rd** at 7:00 pm (due to Lent) and we will be planning the Easter Breakfast.

Admirals Game Outing

Our Saviour's is once again hosting their annual outing to the Admirals Game. The game will be on Sunday **March 8 at 4pm** against the Oklahoma City Barons. Arrangements will be made to carpool from Our Saviour's with a second pickup at St. John dependent on registrations. Cost is \$13 for kids (14 & under) and \$19 for adults. Sign up sheets will be posted in the stairwell soon, or contact St. John church office to reserve your tickets. Checks to be made out to Our Saviour's UCC.



Youth Group News

Youth group is open to all youth preschool through senior high and will be held in the New Youth Room (old fellowship hall) in the lower level of St. John. A number of fun activities are being planned for the Spring. Upcoming events in March include:

March 8th--Admirals Game Outing (cost is \$13 for kids/\$19 for ages 13+), game starts at 4pm. Contact Pastor Tara by March 2nd if interested.

March 15th--3-5pm Let's Play! (feel free to bring your favorite game)

March 21st --10am-3pm Painting the Youth Room

March 29th--Noon-3pm Getting Ready for Easter (egg decorating, games, activities--lunch will be provided)



CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL DAY BY SPONSORING BULLETINS

You might have noticed we are now using full-color bulletin covers from the UCC for Sunday worship. These attractive bulletins have covers that correspond to the week's lectionary text and the back page has a different article highlighting mission and outreach in the United Church of Christ. To offset the cost of these bulletins we are inviting individuals to "sponsor a week". This is a great opportunity to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or "just because". To sponsor a week please sign up on the signup sheet in the lobby by the date you are requesting. We are asking for a donation of \$10 or more per date requested. Please put in offering---specifying 'for bulletins' and the date requested and your name. Your sponsorship and its reason will be listed in the bulletin for the week requested. (i.e. "Bulletins this week sponsored by Rev. Tara Tetzlaff in honor of Vanessa's 16th birthday")

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Ann Wallschlaeger | |
| David Klemish | 15 Janelle Lietzau |
| 3 Rollie Pieper | 17 Myrtle Sutton |
| 6 Brady Ellingson | 20 Brynn Thomas |
| 7 Eric Taylor | 25 Lauren Kubosch |
| Elizabeth Johnson | 27 Marilyn Gabrielsen |
| 10 Aiden Pieper | 30 Warren Fraederich |
| 12 Jennifer Andrae | Lynn Dettmering |
| Vanessa Tetzlaff | 31 Kendall Thomas |
| 14 Mike Szymik | Kencie Thomas |
| Andy Boneski | |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Scott & Kathy Maly
24 Jim and Karen Hansen
29 John and Staci Delain
30 Sam and Jodi Schneider



MARCH EVENTS

1st— Women's Sunday, lunch to follow worship
2nd—11am-Noon Bible Study—OSC
3rd—7pm Women's Guild
4th—6:15pm Light Supper; 7pm Lenten Gathering—OSC
8th—9am Outreach Cmtee. Mtg.
Worship Mtg. after church
4pm Admiral's Game Outing
9th— 11am—Noon Bible Study—OSC
4pm— St. Ben's
6pm—Book Club at Starbucks
11th—6:15pm Light Supper; 7pm Lenten Gathering—OSC
12th—7pm Church Council

15th—OGHS Potluck to follow worship

12-3pm Confirmation
3-5pm Youth Group

16th—11am-Noon Bible Study—OSC

18th—6:15pm Light Supper; 7pm Lenten Gathering—OSC

21st—10am-3pm Craft Day—St. John

10am-3pm Youth Group Painting

23rd—11am-Noon Bible Study—OSC

6pm Fresh Looks Bible Study

25th—6:15pm—Light Supper; 7pm Lenten Gathering—OSC

28th—9am Cleaning Day

29th—Noon-3pm Youth Group

30th—11am-Noon Bible

Our Sympathy

Ralph Bronner died on Feb. 10th. His memorial service is being held at Schmidt & Bartlett in Menomonee Falls on Feb. 28



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

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Our Mission is to Celebrate, Reach
Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

WORSHIP SERVICES

*Sunday Worship Service at Our Saviour's UCC—
8:30am*

*Sunday Worship Service at St. John UCC—
10:30am*

Sunday School at 11:15-Noon at St. John UCC

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT—OSC-
6:15PM—Light Supper
7PM Lenten Gathering